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COUNTRY

Rumania

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TOPIC

Uniforms of Rumanian Airmen

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REMARKS

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1. The Rumanian Air Force officers in Sibiu (R 32/R 20) wore olive drab army uniforms with light blue collar patches; trousers or breeches with jack boots; round, olive drab caps with black vizors and a red Soviet star in front. *
2. Up to mid-1951, the Rumanian troops wore the rank insignia of the old Rumanian Army. Afterwards, [] a new insignia similar to those worn by Soviet troops. In the summer of 1951, rank insignia were not yet uniform. Both new and old insignia were observed up to September 1951.
3. The base of the epaulets of the old and new air force uniforms is light blue. Up to the summer of 1951, the following rank insignia were worn by army and air force officers. Company grade officers wore a narrow longitudinal golden stripe in the middle of the epaulet. One golden cross bar was worn by lieutenants, and two golden cross bars were worn by senior lieutenants. Three golden cross bars were worn by captains. Field grade officers wore a wide longitudinal golden stripe taking up almost the entire width of the epaulet. One golden cross bar was worn by majors, and two golden cross bars were worn by lieutenant colonels. Three golden cross bars were worn by colonels.
4. The new rank insignia differed from the old ones in that silver stars were worn by the officers instead of golden cross bars. One star on a narrow golden longitudinal stripe was worn by lieutenants, two stars side by side by senior lieutenants, three stars by officers with the new rank of captain lieutenant. Four stars were worn by captains. One star on a wide golden longitudinal strip was worn by majors, two stars side by side by lieutenant colonels, and three stars by colonels. **

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[] Comment. The information that the color of the uniform of Rumanian Air Force troops in Sibiu has been changed from air force blue to army olive drab was previously reported and appears credible. [] 25X1
 It is possible that this change in color was started in Sibiu because no such change was reported from Brasov (R 45/X 37) airfield; [] 25X1

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[] The present report contradicts the reference report in that the troops had a red-yellow-blue cockade with the letters RFR on their cap ribbons. However, since it is assumed that the Rumanian uniforms will

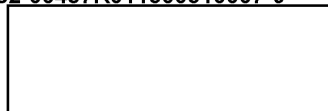
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be modeled on the Soviet pattern, it is believed that the red Soviet
star has replaced the cockade.

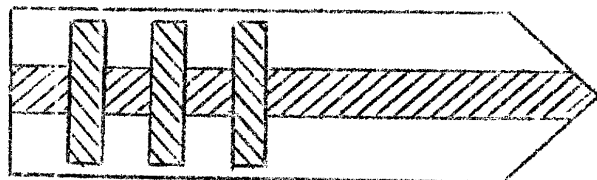
*-8 [redacted] Comment. For sketches of rank insignia, see Annex. The rank of captain
Lokotonent is reported for the first time.

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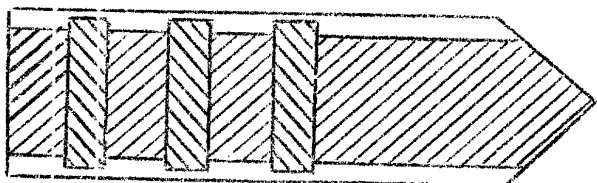


Rank Insignia of Rumanian Air Force Troops Observed in Sibiu



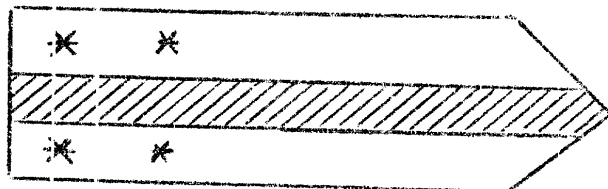
Former Epaulots

Lieutenant to Captain



Major to Colonel

New Epaulots

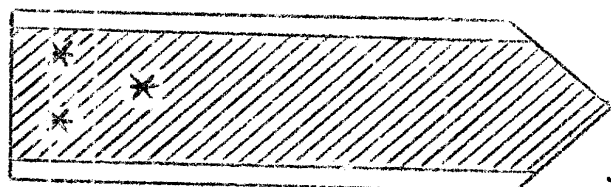


* Lieutenant

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* Senior Lieutenant

* * Captain-Lokotonent
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* * Captain
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* Major

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* Lieutenant Colonel

* * Colonel
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 = Base color: air force light blue

 +  = Golden